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For : **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING
SIGNALS BY DOWN-CONVERTING TO VACANT
CHANNELS (as amended per International Search Report)**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Amendments to the Title

Please amend the Title to read:

-- APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ~~CONTROLLING SIGNAL DISTRIBUTION~~
~~USING A BACK CHANNEL~~ DISTRIBUTING SIGNALS BY DOWN-
CONVERTING TO VACANT CHANNELS --